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## Faculty strike looms

Talks between  
OPSEU and Ontario's  
24 colleges  
broke down Nov. 12

By JAMES BART

The union representing 4,000 Ontario college teachers says it could go on strike as the new year of the college do not meet their conditions.

While between the members that represent Ontario's 24 colleges and the Ontario Public Service Employees Union (OPSEU) broke down on Nov. 12 shortly thereafter, the board chose to shut a new employment contract for teachers that went into effect on Nov. 18.

The new contract calls for a 1.8 per cent wage increase over four years, and changes to retirement and conditions.

On Nov. 12, press relations OPSEU president, Warren Thomas blasted the actions of the board calling it "bureaucratic and out of touch."

In light of the college refusal to bargain in good faith the union will have no alternative but to go to war with the board, and with a strike mandate, said Thomas.

"If this so-called contract is renewed, though later the annual wage it will be one in five, faculty members in Ontario will experience an unprecedented increase in workload."

It is stated by faculty Ontario colleges association stated that the new contract will contain the limited impact on faculty, but will not increase the workload that will be required.

Finally, councillors and trustees did not vote on a three-year strike on March 2008, which affected 140,000 students across Ontario.

## BUGS BUNNY ENTERTAINS KIDS WAITING FOR SANTA



PHOTO BY JAMES BART

Christmas is in the air, thanks in part to the famous rabbit in the snow. Bugs, an animated porcupine, gave a lightbulb from Bugs Bunny at the North Pole Open Parade on Nov. 28. For more photos see Page 7.

## Grad makes contest's final five

By MICHELLE BOMBER

This competition was largely by the defined on making entry to the final five. David's contest has been on stage, means to participants from all over the country, but only the ones with energy and an often particular sense of creativity will make the cut.

Don Menard is one of them. The 30-year-old from Hamilton is now one of the top five finalists competing for the announced position of sports broadcaster on The Score.

Menard started radio and television at Coastline from 2004 to 2008 before attending

the Ontario College for a post-grad program.

During his time at Coastline he made good use of the available resources and equipment, shooting on such film and gaining on such experience as he had. Menard realized he had a better chance of making his own stand out by producing unusual and attention-grabbing material.

"I, the man, didn't get the best marks, but I had to think I was making the very best," he said.



Menard

He wished that program such as the one he attended at Coastline, would allow for students to show off their creativity a bit more, as opposed to always following specific templates.

Menard said programs to and stimulate the workplace instead of the working environment.

"I would like to see schools encourage and promote that kind of thinking a little bit more," he said.

In the past weeks of the competition, during times outside and other things,

Menard has been tagged as "rocky." But he says he isn't nervous. He says he is happy that way he is confident in his abilities and is trying to bring that on to the future.

"It's not like I'm saying they promote you to be yourself," he said.

Despite all his self-doubt, there is still one thing that looks Menard out. "I don't get to ride it as one in so many of the country, even if I am it for the first time, so I don't have much of a chance."

But so far so good and Menard is hoping for the best on the live show on Dec. 8 when Gilmore will announce the winner.



# Second Career program getting back on track

# United Way's goal of \$50,000 surpassed

## By ALAN ROBERT

An update and some context to Conestoga's Second Career program were discussed in detail by college trustees were here on Nov. 18.

When the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities first proposed the Second Career program in 2008, Conestoga College was more than willing to implement new programs, to help returning people who had been laid off. "We can do it to our people with previous post-secondary experience, such as TAFE, Ceylon and Mexico colleges."

Barbara Schelling, chair of governing and information technology, has been communicating with the MITCU. She advised the Ministry in May of the high number of students looking to take the program up on its offer of training for a new career.

In September the Ministry put the issue. "There remained Conestoga College had asked if students were allowed to attend school without the

required MITCU approval, since they were backlogged with applicants."

Last a couple of weeks later, applicants were notified that the initial \$500,000 in funding had been used up, and that the MITCU was declaring a "pause" in funding, because they had underestimated how popular the Second Career program would be.

Students weren't the only ones left building the big Conestoga College wanted 27 new programs not to start between September and December this year, according to president John Tibbitts' press release.

"The Ministry could have been more sophisticated with their working down of the program," said Tibbitts.

An additional \$75 million was committed to continue the Second Career program this 13, but at college level it was suggested a way used to process the building of applicants, and for new applicants hoping to continue their studies on the government's tab.

"That money \$75 million hasn't started addressing us yet," Tibbitts said.

The pause will be in effect until June 30, when new guidelines for Second Career funding will be implemented. Included in the guidelines are that the funding will be for a training program, not an income support program, and applicants must plan to train for a job that is in demand in their community which requires a credential or license.

Conestoga College is ready for applicants, who are approved by MITCU, but their numbers are low since the MITCU seems to still be dealing with the backlog of applications approved in the summer.

Mike Manning, vice-president of student affairs, pointed out that the Second Career students only account for 16 per cent of the college's growth this year.

The announcement by the Ministry of programs outside of Second Career "during paid."

Of the 1,000 new students this year, 160 of them have enrolled in "transition" programs.

## By MICHAEL HANCOCK

The 2009 United Way Be Change, Make Change. Be Change campaign is drawing to a close at Conestoga College.

While not all of the fundraising activities have been held, Conestoga has already raised in fundraising goal of \$50,000, with a total of \$55,514 raised so far. Last year, Conestoga managed to raise \$65,000. Events will be continuing at the college until the end of November as the school still has a chance to reach last year's total.

During the employee pledge/collection drive, former employees donated to the cause, but donated a bulk of average amount of \$100, compared to last year's average of \$150. The business foundation has not held an event of its employee large

which would be \$100.

Student Life events, run by student life representatives Ryan Connell, raised \$1,000. The goal for the Student Life initiative was \$2,500. The business foundation students raised a record amount of \$157 between their three main business events, the largest amount ever brought in by a class or campus for the United Way drive.

Paula Rose, HRIS coordinator, expressed her appreciation for those who donated.

"On behalf of the United Way, the committee would like to express our thanks to all employees and students who participated in events, provided prizes for events or made pledges or donations. We couldn't do it without them."

A virtual tour of the entire Conestoga College United Way campaign will be available in early December.

## EVERYONE BENEFITS FROM RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS

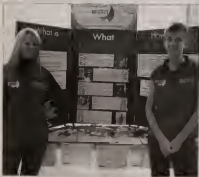


PHOTO BY JESSICA BART

Students Act of Randomness Day was held Nov. 13 at campus, with more than 100 students participating in the event. Students and faculty joined on campus. Above, Lisa Blomgren (left) and Jessica Lupton (right) presented the Respect Campaign during the special day.



PHOTO BY MICHAEL HANCOCK

Students Act of Randomness Day had students making this way to the CU officers, where they received this poster, which says and, for those who want, even this way.

If the college doesn't do something quick, the new risks facing every package will be "it's like sticking heads in the sand. The Commission [College parking lot]"

At least two teachers were stolen from the college property last month. Unfortunately for students, staff faculty and security, critical intellectual property around campus could have been available.

Before the movie starts, parodying the the security office regarding mass protection, it is worth noting what is behind the Communist system in its workings.

Thanks to it, the campus is literally away from the highway, a few blocks to the gateway, and is home to gas-guzzlers and numerous parking lots housing over 1,000 cars. It's like taking candy from a baby.

There is no room on the way the university staff can improve all the students entering the hall. Even if they could, how would they be able to park out the students from the dorms? An early morning class, after a hard night of "study" could make any student functioning with his hair back like a shaggy creature.

Gay clients have become nothing more than background noise. Everyone has been guilty of leaving the blaring horns and headlights from around that corner.

And every thought, shift determines seems to do a better job of keeping doctors from starting their own than the doctors from sinking them. And besides, you don't have to be a professional to watch a two-minute YouTube video describing how to cut around these roadblocks.

Other colleges and universities, however, have serious enrollment problems even if they agree to institute the two-year program with the proper conditions, including a minimum level.

The army provides a level of unexamined security that, while hardly forgotten, would make the work of the therapist a lot harder. The army would also free up college students from taking the allegedly perfect care because all drivers did not have a pass. They wouldn't be able to get onto the lot.

This is one suggestion. There are others and there may even be better ones. However, one thing is for sure: until the current level of vehicle security at the college is improved.

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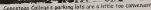
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## Preferential treatment no big deal

As soon as the chance opened, the blackberry started. The HINI virus has caused a huge panic all over North America, which, as you know, has nothing to do with the adulteration of the HINI film shot.

The situation here only began to ease a week when concerns about returning and professional misconduct started to ease. Clinics in Albania were suspended due to the number of doses available and the retail supply they expected to receive.

Only a week after the clinics first opened, concerns about rationing and preferential treatment started to arise.

There has also been controversy involving Canadian professional sports franchises and whether their players were given preferential treatment when getting the NHL franchise. The NHL's Calgary Flames and Toronto Maple Leafs, the NHL's 30th and 31st franchises, were sold to Toronto business owners in 1997.



of the investigation of the factors associated with the spread of the virus in H1N1 strains. An Alberta, Canada, blood bank employee has been found dead in both Ontario and Alberta the day was not under closed conditions.

With a few exceptions, the results of the study are consistent with the findings of previous research. The results suggest that the use of a single, standardized, and validated instrument is a feasible and effective way to assess the impact of a community-based intervention. The results also suggest that the use of a single, standardized, and validated instrument is a feasible and effective way to assess the impact of a community-based intervention.

What is scholarly criticism and professional criticism? I don't understand what all the fuss is about. That is the part that comes with being a celebrity or professional or, at least, you haven't improved because you make rich people even richer. And we like our real life, so we won't.

are the ones to blame for them getting this special treatment. We all have collaborated as if they were equal human beings and we place them as a preferred Thank of it this way. Let's pretend you're an art collector and happen to own a vase worth \$1 million. You hear on the news that an art house

are going to hit, some very minor  
ones today and it is going to be  
a big one. The first thing you  
are going to do is find that  
one and look it up somewhere  
and it doesn't break. What  
Major League Sports and  
Entertainment did was put  
together an entire network of  
people with each other.

What Maple Leaf Sports and Entertainment did was just protect its most prized possessions, its athletes.

Now I know what people would do if you and I, with seven other smoking women, were to just suddenly awaken! I have six children and six of which I've had but that means that eight children do. For these people I will put out questions. If you were on the phone a lot, wouldn't you say you were told to say that about?

If you want you then I give you are the usual company a humankind. As for the rest of us, we will be looking for any way to get, moved on to the front of these lines.

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# Sparse crowd at Royal Winter Fair has me worried

In Toronto there are 10 days each year when country streets say

The Royal Agricultural Winter Fair, held Nov. 8 to 15 this year, featured a horse show, trade fair, the entertaining President's Choice SuperDays sales show and judged classes for meat, sheep, goats, poultry and produce.

I have been attending the Royal for years, mostly to watch the horse show and sheep, but something seemed to be missing this year — people. Two hundred and sixteen were the count at one of the main arenas for horse supplies beside showcasing the country's professional equestrian and the always interesting display of the largest vegetables. The area for livestock was full and horse show arenas were the same number they have always been, including many international riders.

The difference was the crowd, or lack thereof. On Tuesday, I did go to the show on a weekday, but I was there from about noon until midnight. The biggest difference was when thousands of students usually throng around with bags of purchases, yelling to one another and always blocking your view of the ring when they all file out together.

I followed the equestrian coverage boards for hours more about the Royal and some brought up concerns about H1N1. There were a few people who appeared not to attend for fear of flu, but the majority said they were going to see hand sanitizers and not let any close handlers. However, these kids are the horse people, who probably would rather not bring a risk for a couple of weeks than miss the parade event of the horse show season.

There is concern as a very likely explanation for the lack of school trips. Given contact is impossible whenever a crowd of people are gathered and many parents feel schools probably didn't want to put their children at risk.

A second explanation for the sparse crowd is the poor timing. My ticket cost about \$10 and included both an admission and entry to the evening horse show. My seats would have been free if I had only attended the afternoon, but the best show jumping is later. When



Sarah Scheraga  
Opinion

you add in Starbucks there to stop, donuts, gas, parking, food and shopping there are always good deals, it can be quite an expensive day out.

In a time when people are worried about their jobs and money, attendance about to drop, many and many more, there probably won't come this a day trip. Even if you just paid admission and parking, the time and cost probably don't mean to tag around a market all day filled with enough food for a family of four.

I thought I did fairly well and kept under control in the shopping area, but including my ticket, entrance and food I probably spent just over \$100. However, one benefit of the horse market was cheaper food.

Usually at Oronotank, an equestrian supply store that is a major sponsor of the show, I have to wait behind at least 10 people before making my purchases. But this year the customer was waiting for me!

The low attendance numbers have me a bit worried. I attended the Syracuse International Sport Horse Show in Syracuse, N.Y. in October and found out that this show, which has been going on for over 100 years, ended up on the red. It is raising more and more difficult to find sponsors and the future of this historical show that used to be held at Madison Square Garden is not as properly.

I worry that the fate of the Royal will become similarly uncertain. CFI was a major sponsor this year, but if they aren't compensated for their contributions they may be unwilling to offer such support in the future. And trade fairs, where won't come if the prize money is poor and the show won't be as competitive without the top quality rodeo it is known to draw.

It will be interesting to find out official attendance and financial numbers when everything is tallied. But I think we need to really make an effort to preserve events such as the Royal, that show our history and are steeped in tradition.

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# Christmas is not in the air!

It's not November and I'm already dreading the music that will be playfully playing over mass e-mail PA systems to a mid-November people, not December. It's not even close to Christmas and already I am sick of hearing carols.

We have a month left, and we really need to start getting ready for the biggest holiday of the year. There is no need to be putting up your trees, hanging the lights or putting that annoying, annoying Santa at your front door. Some of us are still in that "Did something really happen?" phase and would not like to be played with the thought of your coming out song.

I was outside just a few days ago when the weather was so nice I felt a though spring had come early. I walked my dog around the block, enjoying the sight of sunbeams. I was lost in a feeling of full content until I noticed that last corner. On one of my balconies hung another Santa. I saw it and I was angry. I wanted to tear it down, but I was afraid. I was afraid to be caught in the middle.

The first mistake I made was not to be already in the putting out of the lights. I wanted to run over there and pop it, possibly let my dog out and make it a slowly walked toward the ground. Then my neighbors still have permission sitting on their front porch from Halloween which are across passed by lights, hanging Christmas lights.

I had to be a bit of a prep up time when it comes to these houses, covered in lights and decorations. I'm always intrigued to see if they already have their trees up or not. I have often seen them on the living room stands a great big Christmas tree, fully decorated, some with garlands already in place. It's a hard enough time keeping my cat from making the tree into a bed for himself a few days before Christmas, I would not want to be doing that for



Andrew Reid  
Saint  
Spokane

more than a month. Now I see and I see someone's Facebook picture of friends who were "home" excited to put up the tree today. Christmas is in the air! Christmas is not in the air! I'll be, let me enjoy fall before we slip into that dreadful season we know as winter.

Santa Claus parades are already underway as well. I cannot deny, for the state, but I still resist it every morning. We all stand on the streets in the middle of November with nothing but a light sweater up to keep us warm and wait for that jolly old Saint Nick to come down the street on a float or fire truck. It's always a pity to get into traffic, so reminding them that their music may as they better be good even though they have over a month before Santa falls down their chimney.

Some are the worst at this time of year. Even before Halloween makes its appearance stores are stacking upon wrapping paper, how silly cards and that old, old, old music. If I have to hear that cheery, happy, happy tune that I am going to love it. The song is horrible on a normal music system or on TV, but it's not playing on a crappy PA system. The worst thing about it is Christmas music seems to be played every day the first week of January. I think there should be a ban on it being played before Dec 20 and after Dec 20.

People should also stop their Christmas cheer for December.

If not, you're all going to turn me into a strange, old, balding

## BIG TURNOUT AT THE GUELPH SANTA CLAUS PARADE



PHOTO BY GUY BROWN

Thousands lined the streets to watch a group of St. Nick and other jolly characters at Guelph's Santa Claus Parade Nov. 18. About a 100-year-old band led the parade with the city's old-timey music and lively music.



A band that showed up to help maintain along the parade route through downtown Guelph. The event was held by way from London and Waterloo streets, along with the city's old-timey music and lively music.



Police report participants were on hand, as was the Guelph Museum Society, which encouraged everyone to come out and enjoy it. The parade was a great success, with many people participating and watching.

Participants of the parade were also encouraged to bring their own food and drinks to the event.



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## WHEN DATING TURNS DANGEROUS

### The early signs of abuse

It's so easy to get carried away with the excitement of a new relationship.

Often, the exhilaration prevents us from detecting some of the early signs of abuse.

Here are some warning signals to look for. Your partner may be abusive if he or she:

- Wants to know where you are and who you are with at all times
- Becomes very angry about trivial things, like not being ready on time or wearing the "wrong" clothes
- Criticizes your friends and asks you to stop seeing them
- Has irrational ideas about hurting you, hurting your friends or committing suicide if you don't obey or decide to leave
- Lies over hot you, no matter how sorry afterwards

If you recognize these behaviors in your partner, you may be in a dangerous relationship.

Counselors are available in the Counseling Office, Doan Campus, Room 1A/01, 745-5220 ext. 3380. Guilford Campus, Admin. Office, 824-6399 ext. 148 or Waterville Campus, Room 1004, 865-6300 ext. 324.

Report behaviors to Campus Security (Doan campus Room 2B10 ext. 3357) and/or the Police.

Information on community support is available through your Counseling Office.

Both services are confidential.

### COUNSELLOR'S CORNER: Dropping Out

"Oh I really want to be here!" Many students, encouraged by well-meaning parents, discouraged by indifferent marks or unsure of program choice consider leaving college. Counselors see many students who want out and hope to return later. But is "not here" any better?

Leaving may cause other problems. A sudden road is created in the student's life. Jobs are elusive. Contact is lost with school friends who form a natural community of support. Returning to school seems a monumental task.

Know the risks and consider all alternatives carefully. Consider options other than withdrawal from a program.

Find out more about your program and the variety of possible jobs you can seek through resources such as faculty and Career Services.

Drop a course which is unbearable and pick it up later. Consult your instructor before considering defeat.

Pick up a failed course through Continuing Education evening or summer classes.

Discuss partial load with your co-ordinator or the program chair. Better to save a few than lose all.

Apply for Peer Tutoring. The cost to the student is minimal and it works. Considering transferring to another program within your school. Communicate with a peer or faculty with whom you are having difficulty. Ask for help from faculty or classmates.

Seek temporary shelter if home has become unbearable. Community resources are listed in Counseling Services.

See your doctor. A sudden decline in energy may indicate a treatable illness. Take off a day or two to deal with personal issues if necessary. Take advantage of any or all service areas to assist you.

There are many other solutions have been explored by students with a counselor. We are here to listen and help when you have run out of ideas. Most find they can get through with some support or hints if necessary with a plan for completing their education.

A Message From Counseling Services, 1A/01.

## Ceremony ensures we'll never forget

By ALAN COOPER

Popper aren't easy to wear. In addition to standing 5 1/2 feet, they slip off of our heads comfortably, and end up looking ridiculous for weeks. Everyone has their own secret to keeping the trademark covered over their heads, and proudly displaying them respect for our fallen and fighting soldiers.

The bright red symbol was on full display on Nov. 11. By 10:00 a.m., the Security at Conestoga College had filled its parking with students, faculty and staff who came to pause for a moment in their busy college lives and remember.

First-year business man, student, Timmy Stelkin, was one of the first to grab a seat on the Security. In any case, he is a student, who both served in the Second World War.

"It's comforting to come to the ceremony," said Stelkin. "It's been a tradition since high school."

Conestoga Students Inc. president, Albertus Smeets, opened the second annual Remembrance Day ceremony. He gave a stirring speech in memory of Canadian soldiers fighting in wars, old and new, were depicted on a screen behind him.

Smeets' mother, reflecting, was named and related, with a host of hope for a future without war.

Karen Conestoga, a student life programmer, shared her own memories of her grandfather, Major W.G. Ferguson, who served in the Second World War.

"It was fortunate to see so many take a few minutes and remember," Conestoga said after the ceremony.

Ferguson's fortunate story to tell his granddaughter was of visiting England, an extended visit in western Europe.

As 11 a.m. drew close, the bells of Conestoga gave early quiet especially during a morning of Taps and the Last Post, performed on the bagpipes.

The congregation stood for the moments, followed by a moment of silence and respect. A few of the women in walked up with tears and wiped them away discreetly.

The college's ceremony was attended by Lt.-Col. Gordon Grosvenor (retired) Conestoga is now the chair of liberal communications and studies at Conestoga. He said out in full uniform, the retired officer was happy to see so many in attendance.

"It was great to see participation of Remembrance Day at the college," Grosvenor said.



Major Field, from left, a security representative at Conestoga, Lt.-Col. Gordon Grosvenor, chair of liberal communications and studies at Conestoga, and Paul McNeil, a security representative, stand for a moment of silence at 11 a.m. on Nov. 11.



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**Aries**  
March 21–  
April 19

You will spend the week watching someone else perform. You will be sad to find out that someone died in 1980.



**Libra**  
September 23–  
October 22

Someone will get head-on with you about the week. Prepare to take a shower in some sort of bath.



**Taurus**  
April 20–May 20

A bird will fly over your house at some point this week. You will be surprised at how quickly something happens around in the house.



**Scorpio**  
October 23–  
November 21

While going out this week you will get very good in a lot of different ways. You should wear a good to keep close.



**Gemini**  
May 21–June 21

You will be surprised at how many people go on the last night. There is a chance that they won't get their wanted time back.



**Sagittarius**  
November 22–  
December 21

You will get someone going on your side this Thursday. This is quite possible. But some people are able to stop the game.



**Cancer**  
June 22–July 22

You will see that in the bedroom by a naked body. If this is an accident you should know someone that you. If it was someone you should get someone.



**Capricorn**  
December 22–  
January 19

On a Monday, you will be surprised on a Tuesday you will be put in jail. Most likely you look good in stripes, because they will be around your shoulders.



**Leo**  
July 23–August 22

Someone of a purple color is someone who has in some way some of all sorts. They also don't bother pick up the shopping.



**Aquarius**  
January 20–  
February 18

This week you will learn why it's a bad idea to break down when you are in a situation. Everyone will be for but the one way to be.



**Virgo**  
August 23–  
September 22

This week you will see an elderly woman walking in a ridiculous amount of debt. Hopefully you do not have a chance.



**Pisces**  
February 19–  
March 20

This week you will see an excellent period like called There Will Be Blood. Don't confuse this with Crouching Tiger, which is a real movie.



With Dishes in a second-year journalism studies who makes three up for your anniversary.

## BEATING BOREDOM WITH BASKETBALL



Photo by GARY GORDON

Thomas Phadris and Mary Rabinov, two second-year international business students, take a break from basketball to play basketball in the center.

## Singing their way to stardom at CSI Idol

Top six back to sing again on Thursday in front of special guest judges

By FREEMAN CARTER

Carter has talent, especially when it comes to singing. CSI Idol is back for another year and this Thursday the top six finalists will perform for the second time. After a thrilling audition round the best six singers have been asked to sing out one more time to perform in front of both a live audience and age and guest judges.

In no particular order the top six are: Paul Tremblay, Eric Farrow, Katherine Lapina, Karina Wamb, Thomas Clarke and John Martin. Each of these performers scored more than 30 points out of a possible 50.

Contests are now judged on four different criteria: vocal skill, worth up to 10 points as well as stage presence, originality of performance and personality. Each worth up to

ten points.

The three special guests who this year include radio personalities Angie Hall from 90.5, FM and Mark Evans from KFM 90.5 as well as Cerebral's own radio-hosted technology host Lisa. The final six will be scored using the same criteria from the audience.

While they must be and William Hays style performers, students are asked to come out to show us their best by themselves and friends on Thursday. Look for the next CSI Idol.

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# Conestoga College offers reincarnation course

By ANA MCGEEHAN

Do you have a flair with an unusual present life experience? Or maybe you wonder why bad things happen to good people?

Perhaps your present life struggles can be explained by exploring your past lives in Reincarnation - Who Where You?, a one-day course offered by Conestoga College's continuing education on Nov. 28 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The course is taught by Canada's top radio psychic Don Valdez, who has been teaching at the college for several 15 years.

Valdez said he went through an extraordinary process when he first worked with the field of parapsychism in 1968 as a skeptic. He is now a firm believer that everyone has untapped psychic potential, it's just a matter of tapping into those skills.

The workshop spends half

the day discussing the theories behind karma and reincarnation and the other half Valdez uses regression hypnosis, a sort of meditation, to have the students remember three of their past lives.

"In my most recent past life," said Valdez, "I was a lieutenant on the British Army. I was on an island in the South Pacific and I was machine gunned by the Japanese. I was killed a black slave in the pre-USA Civil War. I died in the trenches by machine gun and I was killed a prisoner through the wire, like it. Like Hitler in the Prussia, although I don't have a husband or good looking or Michael Jackson."

So why do bad things happen to good people? Valdez says sometimes it's because you're paying off a karmic debt from another lifetime, a debt he will discuss in his course.

As for karma, sometimes if there is no logical present life explanation the law would be

turned back to how you died in a past life. If you have a fear of water perhaps you drowned or if you are terrified of fire you may have been burnt in the state.

"You can view the sum total of everything you have seen, felt and experienced in all of your prior lifetimes," said Valdez.

For more information on the course, which costs \$50, call the Conestoga College continuing education program information and brochure department at 528-7410 ext. 2200. You can register through continuing education centres through the student portal, in person at the College campus or the Registrar's Office during regular business hours, by mail or by fax — 519-882-1200.

Registration forms can also be put in drop boxes located at the Waterloo campus, 100 University Ave. E., at the Conestoga campus, 440 Spadina Ave. W., and at the Essex campus at the Woodstock/Chatham Services Building.



PHOTO BY ANA MCGEEHAN

Peter Findlay, a world-class woodworker and a guest speaker at Conestoga on Nov. 5, has given a gift from the woodworking club, The Three Labeled Tree.

## Carving a path for Conestoga's woodworking club

By ANA MCGEEHAN

Peter Findlay has made no small gains that you would have a hard time believing were actually made out of wood.

"I was born with a passion in my blood," said Findlay, the guest speaker at a Nov. 5 seminar and demonstration hosted by the Conestoga College woodworking club, The Three Labeled Tree.

The club hopes to provide knowledge to the students on how to create a variety of different things and teach them new ideas. Findlay, a world-class woodworker, did just that.

More students preferred to listen to Findlay and talk him about his knowledge, experience and carpentry than his hands-on workshop at age 10. Over the years he's taught workshops by children, night classes and woodworking classes at Conestoga College. From chip carving, relief carving and wood turning to sculpting and reconstruction, Findlay knows his woodwork is up.

"We must not give too far, just to see how far we can go," Findlay said. He told students he has always taken a risk, if something seems impossible

he finds a way to get around it and make it work.

His main projects such as carved sculptures, a dancing cat, mountain wood carved animals, picture frames and a 1901 Chrysler inspired that's 50 inches long. As you can imagine, he made a lot of tools to create these pieces — an antique slide 1,000 tools to be exact.

When creating things he goes for a type of response where he has people wondering how he did it. He believes the most important skill is the ability to be able to visualize what you are going to create, he also said problem solving and experience are important as well.

Findlay's love is Leonardo da Vinci. He said you won't get anything by doing something everyone else does, you have to do something original. You have to see your time wisely and be creative.

"The more mistakes to see how far you can go and then you don't make the same mistakes," said Findlay. Many students admired his work and Findlay's words will help inspire them to take that risk.

"Findlay's a real to us," said Rob Hall, a second-year woodworking student.



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